

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally filed in the present application. Claims 1-20 were canceled and Claims 21-24 were added in a previous amendment, without prejudice. Claims 22-23 are canceled herein, without prejudice. This cancellation is made to further Applicants' business interests and expedite the prosecution of the present case, and is not made in view of Patent Office rejections. Applicants reserved the right to prosecute the canceled claims (or similar claims) in the future. Claims 21 and 24 are currently pending. Each of the Examiner's objections and rejections is addressed below.

I. Drawing Objections

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) on the grounds that "they fail to clearly show significant features of the subject matter specified in the claims." In particular, the Examiner has stated that specific elements from Claim 21 should be added to the drawings. Office Action, page 2. Applicants respectfully disagree, and submit that the presently claimed invention can be fully understood without reference to the drawings. Ample support for the currently pending claims is generally found, for example, on pages 8-35 of the specification, and specifically found, for example, on page 21, line 22 to page 23, line 20 of the specification. The text of the specification provides a fully enabling disclosure of the presently claimed invention. The pending drawings, in contrast, illustrate embodiments of the invention that relate to embodiments not claimed. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the application to delete the drawings in their entireties. In view of the deletion of the drawings, the Examiner's objection is rendered moot.

II. Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected Claims 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Office Action, pages 2-6. Applicants have amended the application to cancel Claims 22-23, without prejudice. This cancellation is made to further Applicants' business interests and expedite the prosecution of the present case, and is not made in view of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the canceled claims (or similar claims) in the future. In view of the cancellation of Claims 22-23, the Examiner's rejections are rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claims should be passed to allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at 608.218.6900.

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DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Please delete the drawings in their entirety.